

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 374
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William Timothy Bell of
Hamblen County .

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of
this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of William Timothy Bell;
and

WHEREAS; a prominent farmer in Hamblen County, Mr. Bell was a faithful and devoted
citizen of this state; he was widely respected as he was very dedicated to his profession,
community and family; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Mr. Bell was the beloved son of W.P. and Jean Ann
Bell of Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Morristown-Hamblen High School East, Mr. Bell
enrolled in the University of Tennessee where he obtained a degree in agricultural
mechanization; and

WHEREAS, as a member of a progressive farm family, Mr. Bell returned to Hamblen
County to farm in partnership with his father; the Bell family farm has been lauded for its
operational efficiency and the modern techniques implemented by Mr. Bell and his father; and

WHEREAS, it has been said by a knowledgeable observer that Mr. Bell “was an
innovator and excellent manager of the land”, and “when you looked at the Bell family farm you
saw conservation, art and the latest in agricultural technology”; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Bell was not only dedicated to the success of his own farm, but also sacrificed much of himself to help other farmers excel and prosper; Mr. Bell was the very capable manager of the Soil Conservation Service's No-Till-Drill and helped secure funds to further soil conservation work in the area; and

WHEREAS, also the first to build a chicken compostor in East Tennessee, Mr. Bell was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades in recognition of his conservation techniques, including 1990 Conservation Farmer of the Year, Outstanding Tobacco Producer in Tennessee and Outstanding Forage Producer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell was an active and devout member of Economy United Methodist Church, where they will mourn the loss of this distinguished member; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that this body express its heartfelt condolences to the many friends and family of this fondly remembered Tennessean, including Mr. Bell's loving parents, W.P. and Jean Ann Bell, his son, Robert Preston Bell, and his daughter, Rachel Christine Bell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of William Timothy Bell, while also celebrating the life of this man whose many successes and selfless contributions will be remembered for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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